

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2179 - HB 2695

February 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by fine only of \$500, for a person to knowingly maim or inflict harm or attempt to maim or inflict harm on a service dog; or to permit a dog that the person owns or is in immediate control of to maim or inflict harm on a service dog. Violation is punishable by a fine only of \$250 if the person recklessly commits the offense. Creates a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by fine only of \$50 for a person to knowingly interfere with a service dog in the performance of its duties or to permit a dog the person owns or is in immediate control of to interfere with a service dog in the performance of its duties. Requires the court to order such offender to make full restitution for all damages.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- A small increase in cases in the court system resulting in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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